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Attorney Docket: 056207.48836D1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)**

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 10/076,398  
Filed on February 19, 2002  
Of Hiroshi SAKAMOTO et al.  
Entitled: POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF AN  
AUTOMOBILE  
Examiner: D. WRIGHT  
Group: 3681

X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages: 27

X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of seven (7) sheets, depicting Figures 1-7.

X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a.        Newly executed (original or copy)

b.   X   Copy from prior application

i.        Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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- 5. Cancel original claims \_\_\_\_.
- 6. Small entity status:
  - a. — Is still proper and desired.
  - b. — Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**Claims as Filed, Including Any Claims  
Cancelled or Added by Preliminary Amendment**

Basic Fee						\$375/750	=	\$750.00	
Total Claims	5	-	20	=	13	x	\$9/18	=	\$
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$42/84	=	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280	=	\$
Total Filing Fee									\$750.00

- X 8. Please charge the deposit account of undersigned, No. 05-1323, in the amount of \$10.00 (Docket #056207.48836D1).
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.48836D1).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/076,398, filed February 19, 2002, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/556,626, filed April 21, 2000.--
- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 11-113184, filed in Japan on April 21, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/556,626 on June 12, 2001.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi Ltd.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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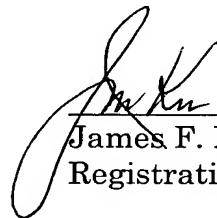
- a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

July 22, 2003



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